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## M. M. Choudhury Joins Cong (I)

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, Aug. 24—Sri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, a veteran leader of Assam, today appealed to the people in general and "to those friends of mine who have been out of politics for some time" in particular to lend their active support to the Congress (I) to serve them at the critical juncture of the country's history.

Sri Choudhury, who was out of politics since he accepted the Gubernatorial post of Chandigarh in early seventies, but contested the Assembly election as a Congress candidate after his retirement two years ago, today joined the Congress (I). "I for myself with the present state of health may not be much service to the organisation but my moral support to the Congress (I) will always be available."

Talking to reporters at his Rehabari residence, Sri Choudhury made it clear that he would not be candidate to any election as his health does not permit this, but he would campaign for the success of the party. He was convinced that the Congress (I) is the only party which would be able to give the people a stable Government. He supported the action of the President of India who dissolved the Lok Sabha following resignation of 24-day old Charan Singh Ministry at the Centre. "It is my sincere hope that, having seen the fall of the Janata Government and the Janata (S) Coalition Government, the people will unite and act solidly to root out the fissiparous forces in the Indian politics. If the people take a dispassionate view of the recent Indian political scene they will have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that the Janata Party, the Janata (S) party and their associates are incapable of delivering the goods to the people." It was very unfortunate that the Congress had chosen to sail in the same boat with Sri Charan Singh and thereby lose its past image and sacrifice its glorious tradition of service, Sri Choudhury said.

The President, Gauhati City Congress (I), Sri Bhabendra Chandra Choudhury, in a Press release announced that Sri M M Choudhury has formally joined Indian National Congress (I) today

## Call For 12-Hour Dibrugarh Bandh On August 28

From Our Correspondent

DIBRUGARH, Aug. 24—The Dibrugarh District Student Union has given a call for dawn to dusk 12 hour bandh on Tuesday August 28 throughout Dibrugarh District in protest against what they describe as police and CRP atrocities on students and youths in the district and demanding unconditional release of students arrested at Dibrugarh, Doomdooma, Dullajan and Moran.

Meanwhile Dr. Keshabnanda Goswami and Dr. Harendranath Dutta, President and Publicity Secretary of Tholuaswertho Roksha Samity, Dibrugarh, in an appeal to the Deputy Commissioner here requested his intervention in what they all be as indiscriminate arrest of and atrocities on people and said that such repression might lead to ugly consequences.

Shri Prasanta Prakash Sarma, President Asom Janata Chatra Parishad, in a statement released here said that he had resigned from the presidentship on protest against atrocities on students and youths.

Normalcy prevailed in Dibrugarh town where curfew was clamped down for second time in eight days on the night of Independence Day but the town has been still under night curfew from 9 pm to 5 am as a precautionary measure.

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